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OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTION COMPONENT, OPTICAL FIBER

CONNECTION STRUCTURE,

AND OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTION METHOD

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

This is an Amendment to the above-identified application in which a request for continued examination (RCE) has been filed herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a). In response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2006, please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and comments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.